

HOUSE BILL 1964

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,  
relative to education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 2, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) An LEA shall conduct a remote learning drill during or after school hours at least once, but not more than twice, each school year to ensure schools, students, and parents of students can easily transition from in-person learning to remote learning. The drill must accurately reflect the LEA's plan for a transition to remote learning in the event of a disruption to school operations.

(b) An LEA shall address any issues that are identified during the remote learning drill.

(c) The department of education shall develop guidance to assist LEAs in conducting remote learning drills.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-108, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

Each teacher training program shall provide instruction, to candidates seeking licensure to teach or licensure as an instructional leader, on effective strategies for virtual instruction. The department of education shall review teacher training programs to ensure compliance with this subsection ( ) during the course of the regularly scheduled review cycle set forth by state board of education rules.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-2207, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

All textbooks and instructional materials adopted by an LEA on or after July 1, 2024, must be electronically accessible and designed to support remote instruction.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-2202, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

All textbooks and instructional materials recommended by the commission to be added to the list for adoption on or after July 1, 2023, must be electronically accessible and designed to support remote instruction.

SECTION 5. This act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.